AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. NAME OF ITEM: Workforce Data Quality Initiative

2. INITIATED BY: Gregory G. Johnson, Chair

3. BOARD INFORMATION: X BOARD ACTION:

4. BACKGROUND:

The UMS has been working with the Department of Labor’s Center for Workforce Research and Information (CWRI) in the development of the employment outcomes portion/website of the state longitudinal data system (the Workforce Data Quality Initiative). The website is intended to provide first year wage and employment outcomes for graduates from the UMS and from the MCCS. This work began in 2011 when a very large group of CAOs, Institutional Research representatives and others met with representatives from DOE and DOL about this work; at that time we asked to be included. Few of our campuses have comprehensive employment outcomes data on their graduates and this was obviously an important project to be a part of given that. In subsequent years, the expectation that data like this be available has been conveyed by both our accreditors and via initiatives like the College Scorecard, a White House initiative.

The years contained within the site thus far are 2009-2011; the key to its ultimate development and usefulness will be the longitudinal aspect of this as we approach five and ten years out from graduation. A team of UMS institutional research staff and IT professionals have been working with CWRI in the development of the website. The site can be found at: http://www.maine.gov/labor/cwri/wdqii/

While it is still in development, it has been released to the public as the legislative task force charged with determining a plan for sustainability and governance of the site (Public Law 2014, Chapter 593) began its work in early August. Rosa Redonnett, Chief Student Affairs Officer and UMS contact for this project, will provide a brief overview of the project for the Committee.

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